

House seat in 1970 for what ultimately was an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate. One of Congressman Cramer's congressional aides, Appropriations Committee Chairman BILL YOUNG, replaced him as the representative of Florida's Tenth Congressional District.

Bill Cramer's public service did not end with his departure from Congress. He practiced law, held various positions with the Republican National Committee, and accepted several jobs in the Nixon and Ford Administrations. He then, as he later said, "decided he wanted to spend more time back home" where he grew up, so he returned to Florida where he continued to use his talent and influence to help Tampa Bay area residents.

Mr. Speaker, next year marks the fiftieth anniversary of Bill Cramer's election to Congress. I hope that, as we approach that milestone, our colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join the Florida delegation in remembering him and his dedicated work in this institution on behalf of his constituents and his country.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3428

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill that would name a portion of the U.S. courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building." On August 31, 2003, Assistant United States Attorney Justin W. Williams, Chief of the Criminal Division in the Eastern District of Virginia, died tragically at the age of 61 from a heart attack as he jogged along the Potomac River in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Williams's untimely death marked the end of a career of a truly remarkable public servant who was loved and respected by all of his colleagues and those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mr. Williams's distinguished career as a federal prosecutor began on May 11, 1970. During the ensuing 33 years he was either directly involved in or supervised every major federal prosecution in the Eastern District of Virginia, including the prosecutions of Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen, both of whom were convicted of spying for the Soviet Union. During his career, Mr. Williams was appointed Acting United States Attorney on two occasions, from 1979 to November 1981 and January 1986 to June 1986, during which time he served with distinction. He was also at various times First Assistant United States Attorney, Senior Litigation Counsel, and for most of his illustrious career Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. His many accomplishments and awards, far too numerous to list, included the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interest of the United States National Security (2002), as well as three Director's Awards for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Mr. Williams was a mentor and role model for all those who served in the U.S. Attorney's Office during his tenure, as well as those in law enforcement who worked with him. His illustrious career was a testimonial to courage,

conviction, fairness, and decency. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Williams, and their two children, Andrew Grant Williams and Caitlin Grey Williams. He is also survived by his mother, Edith Williams. I urge all of my colleagues to support this fitting tribute to a truly remarkable public servant.

CELEBRATING THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR EXPEDITION (CAE) AND THE SINO AMERICAN AVIATION HERITAGE FOUNDATION (SAAHF) IN THE DISCOVERY AND RECOVERY OF A HISTORIC P-40 AIRCRAFT

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and celebrate the collaborative efforts of the China Association for Expedition (CAE) and the Sino American Aviation Heritage Foundation (SAAHF) in the discovery and recovery of a historic P-40 aircraft that will forever bind America to China.

At the end of 1941, the Japanese military occupied much of China. As the world was consumed by the spread of global war, a group of American pilots valiantly fought to free China from the grip of Imperial Japan. This volunteer group of young men was called the American Volunteer Group, or the AVG. The pilots in the AVG were some of the first Americans to experience combat against the Japanese in World War II. Their brave and fearless acts earned this group the respect of friends and foes alike. Their heroic deeds and dedication to the defense of the Chinese people would eventually fly them into the annals of history immortalized forever as the legendary "Flying Tigers".

On April 28, 1942, a Curtiss P-40 Tomahawk fighter plane piloted by John Blackburn of the AVG mysteriously crashed into Lake Dianchi in Yunan, China. The lake bottom would be its resting place where it was nearly forgotten for over 60 years in the cold waters—slowly rusting away. It was not until 1997, when a group of Chinese and American military veterans and aviation enthusiasts teamed together in an unprecedented demonstration of American-Chinese relations, to locate, recover and restore this plane. On November 15, 2003, Americans and Chinese will once again join forces to commemorate the recovery of John Blackburn's P-40 from its murky grave.

This priceless piece of aviation history is thought to be the only surviving P-40 fighter aircraft belonging to the Flying Tigers. This war bird once protected the skies of China from a ruthless and determined enemy, and flew in support of Chinese airmen, soldiers, guerrilla fighters and civilians. Piloted by young Americans ready to sacrifice their lives to protect the people of China at a moment's notice yet steadfast in its mission to conquer a common enemy. This P-40 fighter plane symbolizes not only the great spirit of cooperation and trust, but also the mutual respect that existed between the American and Chinese people during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to recognize the efforts between our two countries in the

recovery of this historically valuable aircraft. But even more importantly, this endeavor grants the opportunity for citizens in both our great countries to rekindle this legacy of goodwill, hope, inspiration and trust.

13TH DISTRICT'S CONGRESSIONAL CLASSROOM PROGRAM

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, just three weeks ago, twenty-one exceptional students from Southwest Florida experienced an adventure of a lifetime.

As participants in the 13th District's Congressional Classroom program, these competitively and independently selected young men and women spent a full week in Washington engaging in a unique, up-close study of our federal government.

They learned from a bipartisan array of some of the most eminent and experienced leaders in Washington, including Speaker HASTERT, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, and C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb. Then, they applied their newfound knowledge in a mock Congress session.

In conducting this mock session, the students were randomly assigned roles as Republicans and Democrats and as Legislators and District Representatives. I wish to congratulate Gary Shumard and Alex Clark, who tied for the award as the "Best Republican;" Peter Dobosz, who was recognized as the "Best Democrat," and Kelly Crawford and Cody John, who qualified for the honors of "Best Legislator" and "Best District Representative," respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the enthusiasm and zest for the values of good citizenship that these students displayed were truly inspiring. I thank them for their dedication, while looking forward to the outstanding contributions that they will make to our society.

HONORING DR. TIMOTHY P. RYAN

HON. DAVID VITTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, the new Chancellor of the University of New Orleans. On Saturday, November 1, Dr. Ryan accepted the appointment of the Louisiana State University System's Board of Supervisors to serve as the fifth Chancellor of the Lakefront campus.

Dr. Ryan received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of New Orleans in 1971 and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ohio State University. He has been a member of the UNO faculty since 1976 and served as Dean of the College of Business Administration until accepting his new post as Chancellor. During his brief tenure as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer at UNO, Dr. Ryan controlled the University's budget and demonstrated positive change.

Dr. Ryan has received overwhelming support from the University community and I look